

Next Town Assembly

**Village of Arden
Monday, March 25, 1996
7:30 p.m.
Arden Gild Hall**

AGENDA

- Election of town committees and officers
- Vote on partial roof repair for Village Center
- 3-year budget forecast
- Update on long-range plan for Arden's communal land
- 3rd reading of Arden's National Flood Insurance ordinance
- Standing committee reports

All are welcome.

Please note: Those attending town meeting are eligible to vote after six consecutive months as an Arden resident prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

**Minutes from January 22, 1996 Town Assembly for the Village of Arden
Gild Hall - Arden, Delaware**

Present:

Sally Hamburger	Yvonne King	Lynda Kolski
Jim Parks (NV)	A. Barnes King	Jean K. Brachman
Gail Rinehart	Mary Marconi	Dorinda Dove
Tim Colgan	Danae Vinson	Ron Ozer
Frank Akutowicz	John Berl, Jr.	Beth Stevenson
Hugh Roberts	Irene O'Connor	Karen L. Short
Ruth Bean	Mike Curtis	Natalie Hubbard
Rich Bloom	Cecilia Vore	Ray McDevitt
Edward Rohrbach	Don Holcomb	Peggy Aumack
Brooke Bovard	Eliot Levin	Lew Aumack
Peter Renzetti	Leon Tanzer	Mark Taylor
Jan Westerhouse	Rae F. Gerstine	Sadie Somerville
Tom Wheeler	Ken Lipstein	Beverly Barnett
Aaron Hamburger	Jannie Stearns	Ruth Panella
Bernie Brachman	Marianne Cinaglia	Steven A. Threefoot
Margot Al-Taweel	Alton Dahl	Rodney Jester
Cookie Kelly	Sharon Kleban	Walt Broadbent
Bill Press	Thomas S. Colgan	Liz Broadbent
Bob Wynn	Lou Bean	Connee Wright McKinney

1. **A moment of silence:** In memory of Ruth Estes, Flo Lipstein Masci, Henry Vye, Doretha Thornton, and Isabel Varley Hale.
2. **Agenda Clarification:** Leon Tanzer asked for signatures on a petition that called for the protection of our environmental standards. He is hoping to collect 500 signatures.
3. **Communications:** None.
4. **Guest:** Officer Eric Sasse, New Castle County Police liaison, introduced himself to the meeting. He brought a fact sheet on cougars to respond to concerns of Arden residents about the recent sightings in the neighborhood. A resident encouraged police to continue speed traps. Office mentioned that although the state police do random checks on Harvey Road, the county police will respond if necessary. He more clearly defined the correct police numbers for residents to call:

Emergency number 911

If concern for life or death, ambulance, or if in doubt of what number to call

Non-emergency number 573-2800

For chronic neighborhood disputes, abandoned cars, party noise

Guest: Sargent Julie Garbarina, New Castle County Police, introduced herself and informed us of Senior Roll Call, a new free service of the county police and available to any senior citizen in the county. She outlined the service as a phone lifeline. Police will call individual senior citizens daily in the morning through a computerized system to check if the person is OK. If there is no answer after several tries, an alert sheet gives numbers to call or police will be dispatched. She distributed brochures to give more details of the program and asked for volunteers who might be interested in being callers. Application to be on the Lifeline can be taken over the phone. Those who are hard-of-hearing or disabled can be accommodated.

Senior Roll Call Lifeline 239-5151

5. **Nominations:** Bill Press asked committees to include nominations in their report.
6. **Approval of September Town Minutes:** Vote was in favor to approve.

7. **Trustees Report:** The new rent list has been prepared, and land rent bills will be mailed shortly for the fiscal year commencing March 25, 1996. Total to be collected is \$313,570.34. All senior citizens who qualify for the New Castle County tax rebate are urged to file the necessary forms with the County Finance Department. The total of bank balances and investments as of 12/31/95 was \$101,053.31. Current financial statements and expenditures against budget are attached to this report and available for your study and/or discussion at this time.

Respectfully submitted, Trustees of Arden, Shaul Gladstone

Handout: See below and page 3 *Receipts and Expenditures*.

Discussion: Information given about Senior Citizen Abatement Program. File for abatement once. Income level at about \$19,000/couple; \$9,000/individual. Information requested about policy on "cutting timber." Resident asked whether there should be a policy on old trees, i.e. 100-150 yr. old oak in particular. Needs discussion long-range. Response from trustee: Residents must have authorization for tree removal on leasehold. A form details reasons for need to remove. Perhaps Community Planning should be involved in a policy on really old, desirable trees. Still negotiating on specific oak tree and hope to settle.

Report approved.

Receipts

VILLAGE OF ARDEN RECEIPTS & BANK BALANCES - 3/25/95/ TO 12/31/95 PRESENTED TO TOWN MEETING ON 1/22/96

BALANCE IN BANK MARCH 25, 1995 \$208,980.46

RECEIPTS:

INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	8,997.38
LAND RENT:	
FISCAL YEARS, PAST	500.00
FISCAL YEARS, PRESENT	110,820.62
FISCAL YEARS, FUTURE	290.00
LATE PAYMENT INTEREST	-0-
MEADOW LANE RENT	249.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN DONATIONS	450.00
MISCELLANEOUS	7,051.45
RIGHTS OF WAY:	
CABLE TV	-0-
ROADS	2,774.45
 SUBTOTAL	 131,132.90
INVESTMENTS, REDEEMED	+ 160,000.00
INVESTMENTS, NEW	- 200,000.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 <u>91,132.90</u>

RECEIPTS + STARTING BANK BALANCE \$300,112.36

Expenditures

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
EXPENDITURES AGAINST BUDGET - 3/25/95 TO 12/31/95
PRESENTED TO TOWN MEETING ON 1/22/96

BUDGET ITEM	BUDGETED AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES F.Y. TO DATE	EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT
<u>COMMITTEES:</u>			
ARCHIVES	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,883.47	\$ 745.50
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER	1,460	1,409.71	1,009.62
<u>CIVIC:</u>			
COMMONS & FORESTS	13,000	11,755.99	3,050.68
ROADS	14,000	10,121.96	6,621.28
SPECIAL CLEAN-UP	2,000	1,077.48	-0-
TRASH COLLECTION	33,000	25,789.00	10,315.60
COMMUNITY PLANNING	1,000	120.98	120.98
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE	250	-0-	-0-
PLAYGROUND	1,100	814.33	25.92
REGISTRATION	2,000	1,559.99	913.04
<u>SAFETY:</u>			
GENERAL	800	216.76	85.60
TOWN WATCH COORDINATOR	2,100	1,575.00	700.00
TRAFFIC LIGHT	600	-0-	-0-
WELCOME HITHER	250	-0-	-0-
<u>SALARIES:</u>			
ASSEMBLY SECRETARY	4,416	3,312.00	1,472.00
ASSEMBLY TREASURER	1,835	1,376.27	611.64
<u>OTHER LINE ITEMS:</u>			
CONTINGENCIES	2,000	-0-	-0-
<u>DONATION:</u>			
ACRA	700	700.00	-0-
ARDEN LIBRARY	400	400.00	-0-
ARDEN PAGE	450	450.00	-0-
FIRE COMPANIES	850	850.00	-0-
GILD HALL RENTAL	600	600.00	-0-
<u>TAXES:</u>			
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PROP.	53,000	52,494.24	52,208.98
SCHOOL	140,500	142,578.03	142,782.93
TELEPHONE	350	145.03	64.53
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u>			
AUDITING	3,000	2,800.00	-0-
INSURANCE	6,500	6,072.00	-0-
LEGAL	1,000	-0-	-0-
OFFICE RENT	2,100	1,575.00	700.00
MISCELLANEOUS	1,000	1,491.18	944.62
PAYROLL TAXES	1,600	2,365.81	1,016.37
SALARY, ADMIN. ASST.	6,360	4,770.00	2,120.00
SALARY, SECRETARY	2,136	1,602.00	712.00
LESS ACCRUED TAXES	\$ -0-	(\$ 846.18)	(\$ 376.08)
TOTAL	303,057	280,060.05	225,845.21

NOTE: PERIOD COVERED IS FROM FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR TO LAST DAY OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE APPLICABLE TOWN MEETING.)

SIGNED: TRUSTEE Daniel J. [Signature]

ADMIN. ASS'T. Pos. 14 [Signature]

8. **Archives:** The committee, which meets now on the second Thursday of the month, has more ideas and projects in mind than we can currently accomplish. Our task is to prioritize. Projects include: 1) Making professional copies of favorite Arden photos so that we are never tempted to lend originals 2) Completing the task of identifying and classifying all the photos in the collection 3) Gathering information and current photos of Arden houses to share with residents as part of an ongoing program of education about the historic value of Arden buildings.

We have received a tentative inquiry from the *NY Times Sunday Magazine* for information about Arden. They are planning an article about planned communities—a hot topic right now. If the project does develop, they will send a researcher to Arden who will want to interview and photograph. Discovered again!

The BWVC Committee has scheduled an Arden History night on Saturday, March 2, 1996. We will be sharing humorous and heart-warming stories from Arden's past and present. Maybe this would be a good time to reopen the case for Dorothy Parker's ashes—they are still unburied as far as I know.

Don Holcomb has agreed to serve as the Archives' liaison to the Community Planning project.

Nominations are: Rebecca Fisher, Sally Hamburger (incumbent), Lynda Kolski, Sadie Somerville (incumbent).

Submitted by Sally Hamburger, Chairperson

Report approved.

9. **Advisory:** Advisory Committee met on November 6, 1995 and January 2, 1996. Discussion during the November 6 meeting covered the following areas: 1) Members were asked to consider the advisability of making the Welcome Hither Committee a standing committee. It was recommended that Jannie Stearns, chair of the Welcome Hither Committee, be asked for her opinion at the January Advisory Committee, 2) Legislative Reference thanked members for feedback on the Arden Hand Book, and discussion of logistics followed (such as who should receive the book, how much money should be spent having it published, whether it should include the Arden phone list, etc.), 3) Potential Land Rent default was discussed in the context of community response. The Board of Trustees was encouraged to explore different alternatives and the risks involved, and to report back to Advisory.

This was Irene O'Connors' last Advisory Committee Meeting as Town Secretary. Gratitude for the exemplary work and dedication was expressed. Connee McKinney would take minutes at the next Advisory Committee, while Irene would take minutes at the January Town Assembly.

Main issues of concern at the January Advisory Meeting included a brief discussion of the Welcome Hither committee (Jannie Stearns was unable to attend this meeting; it was recommended that the Welcome Hither Committee give a report of its activities at the January Town Assembly, and a detailed presentation by Beverly Barnett of Community Planning, describing their efforts to develop a long-range plan for Arden communal land.

Advisory Committee members were reminded that each committee needed to submit its 3-year long-range budget to Budget Committee.

Connee McKinney was welcomed in her new role as interim Town Secretary.

Respectfully submitted by Hays Butler for Judy Butler, Advisory Chair

Report approved.

10. **Assessors:** The chairman, Aaron Hamburger, reported that 3 public hearings have been scheduled. The upcoming public hearing is Tuesday, February 13, 1996 at 8 p.m. at the Buzz Ware Village Center. The Board of Assessors invites all to attend and to bring your comments, questions and complaints. All meetings are open, but the February hearing is the ideal one to attend since the assessment process is just beginning for the new year. The May and June meetings are mandated. Please put your comments in writing and submit to the Board.

The report was accepted.

11. **Auditing:** Ken Lipstein is one nominee: the committee needs 1 more nomination.

The chairman, Ken Lipstein, had no report.

12. **Budget:** Committee reported that 3 year forecast is in process. After review by Auditing, Assessors and the Trustees, it will be presented to Advisory Committee in March 1996 and then to the March Town Meeting for approval. Committee needs four nominations.

Report approved.

13. **Buzz Ware Village Center Committee:** Nominations are Mark Taylor (incumbent), John Demsey (incumbent), Hays Butler, Dorinda Dove

The Buzz Ware Village Center has been used very fully since our last Town Meeting. Sixteen committee meetings and one of Merry-Go-Rounders took place. There were two film evenings and they will resume on February 24. We had offered a CPR class but cancelled due to lack of response. We hope to reschedule in co-sponsorship with ACRA in the spring. Play readings were held monthly (except in December) and, on February 3, we will collaborate with the new Shakespeare Gild for a reading of Sonnets. Do come at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4. There are many events planned for February: Valentine Making on Feb. 11, Sunshine Sale Workshop on Feb. 18, Sunshine Sale on Feb. 24, a repeat of the Canal Boat Travelogue slide show and a special evening co-sponsored by Archives. For details, look in your next Arden Page.

We have had a variety of rentals. There were three very well-attended concerts presented by Russ and Connee McKinney and friends. They successfully used half of Rooms 1 and 2 with a platform stage in the hallway (at the base of the old stage). This month an enthusiastic group began a four session series of Rhythm and Soul Line Dancing on Thursday evenings. Call Connee for further information. We hope that enough interest will continue these classes into the spring. Yoga classes continue every Monday night. Helga Melton is contact person. Starting last night, we have a new tenant, the Stagehands Union, who will have their monthly meetings in Arden. Yvonne King is the contact person. An additional rental was a reception after Doretha Thornton's funeral.

All rental requests can be made to me at 475-6140, but room reservations for meetings are now in Debbie Theis' able hands, as are the keys. Her number is 475-1995.

A reminder to all committees, please be very conscientious about lowering the heat and turning off lights after meetings. There are specific directions over the thermostats in rooms 3 and 4. There are also general sheets of information in each room and on the bulletin board. Due to the early snowfall and the cold, everybody's heating bills have been high and we wish to economize as much as we can.

Our long-term tenants appear very content. The YMCA has had some difficulty replacing a staff member (U of D student who no longer has the time) and they are actively looking for someone for this afternoon replacement. If you know of anyone who might be interested, call Bethanne Keeley at 475-8303. The Y asked for permission to paint Room 3 and the committee agreed to it.

Hand-in-Hand Child Care has had a successful fall and winter. They had two evening events—Open House and Holiday Covered Dish. They have enjoyed the swings and the playground in all sorts of weather. They now have two assistants, one of whom is Arden's own Paloma Austin.

Minor maintenance problems (leaky toilets, faucets, cracking tiles, etc.) are ongoing and, thanks to Mark Taylor's diligence, most have been corrected. An unexpected, rather large, leak began last week as the heavy snow began to melt. It came into the janitor's closet and the hallway by it. This flat section of roof will need attention—it has been of concern to us since the fall. At the time of writing this report, I do not know what action John Demsey and Mark Taylor, our maintenance experts, will recommend.

During the next months, we will be actively exploring the possibilities of obtaining grant money from the Community Development Fund so that we can upgrade the BWVC before the Centennial.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Bean, Chairperson

Report approved.

14. **Civic Committee:** Nominations were Lou Bean (incumbent), Bernie Brachman (incumbent), Mary Marconi, Chuck McKean.

Winter descended on us in Arden early and hard. The cleanup of leaves from the roads had just begun when it had to be halted. The raising of the rest of the curbstones on the south section of the green, for which we have already received a DOT grant of \$6,000, now must be put off until spring. Our share of the Gild Hall drainage project must also be delayed since that job will await spring. What we save by only doing a small part of the leaf cleanup must surely be used for the much higher costs of snow plowing and road sanding. Just before winter came, we did manage to treat the Field Theater benches with wood sealer. We plan to do it again the spring. Since the leaves weren't cleaned from the Frank Stevens Memorial Theater we will arrange a volunteer work session to clean it up. There is much planned for this season. We have now scheduled 3 weddings an performance of a Shakespeare play. And this doesn't include ACRA. We advise all groups and individuals who request the use of this theater that we do not charge a rental fee, but that a donation for maintenance is expected.

The trustees have requested that the Civic Committee propose that the Town Meeting take the first step towards enacting an ordinance what would allow us to take part in the National Flood Insurance Program. The county and state are pushing this. The county would administer our program. The deadline for submitting proof that an ordinance has been passed is April 19, 1996. If the meeting agrees to a first reading tonight, we then have two more meetings in which we can examine the program in depth and pass or reject it. If we don't permit a reading tonight we are in effect rejecting it without a hearing. Personally I agree with the aims of the program, but I know little about it. I do know that it has some pluses and minuses. But Marianne Cinaglia knows far more about it than I do and I am sure she can answer your questions.

Submitted by Lou Bean, Chairperson

Report approved.

The chairperson mentioned the handouts on the National Flood Insurance Program available at the meeting. The meeting was also informed that the Civic Committee does not give anyone permission to cut down trees.

Discussion: The chairmen directed specific questions on the Flood Insurance Program to Marianne Cinaglia, who is in direct contact with DNREC on this program. She informed

the meeting that two Arden properties, Peter Renzetti's and Walter and Liz Broadbent's, are on the flood plain, referred to as Zone A. If the community joins the program, federally-backed, lower cost insurance is available to them and the community. If leaseholds in Zone A want to upgrade their leasehold, the whole structure must meet code. The rest of the town is not affected by this code. All other New Castle County communities are included in the program, but, as of yet, not the three Ardens. DNREC has offered to come and talk and we could set a date for this. To qualify, Arden must pass an ordinance which, according to our charter, requires 3 readings. We could have the first reading of the ordinance this evening, the second reading at the March Town Meeting and then the third reading could be announced for a Special Town Meeting when the March announcement was mailed. The ordinance could be changed somewhat from the federal one. It is about 20+ pages. Present FEMA deadline is mid-April. Must introduce tonight or cannot do in near future. She presented the following motion:

Motion: Move that Arden Town Assembly approve the first reading of Flood Insurance Program in abbreviated form tonight.

Motion approved.

Discussion followed: One Zone A leaseholder, Peter Renzetti, told the meeting that he did not want the insurance. Since Arden is not planning any construction in Zone A, the program is not particularly relevant to us. Arden should be wary of the government involving itself in Arden. His leasehold survived the 1989 flood.

A resident mentioned that the insurance had been available since 1979 and that, although its purpose is good, it benefits developers and no one has been completely denied construction. It actually encourages building on the floodplain since the property insurance is subsidized by the government. Most of floodplain is in Ardentown. When the house on Chestnut (near the pool site) was built, they were not allowed to put in a cellar and the house was put on piers. Other residents mentioned that we should put our energies into monitoring upper creek construction. Need holding basins for the water. We need to take action earlier. We need copies of ordinance to know the specifics. File one in library, one with town secretary ahead of time. Must have copies for residents to vote on. Can state provide copies? Another resident mentioned that an ordinance is a serious matter and should have adequate time to inform residents of it. Could Arden Building and Loan be source of funds to rebuild instead.

Information from town assembly chairperson: if town does not go ahead and the properties affected wanted to sell, the buyers would not be able to get federally-funded mortgage. A resident mentioned that probably no one in Arden has a federally-funded mortgage. Resident informed us that runoff from road flooding would be covered for structural damage is insured by this program.

Civic Committee member informed the meeting that, if more than 50% of property is damaged, the insurance will be paid but the leaseholder could not rebuild the structure. The opinion of the two leaseholders (the most affected) is important to our decision. Marianne Cinaglia introduced a second motion as follows:

Motion: Move that we have Special Town Meeting on Monday, March 11 to discuss National Flood Insurance.

Motion approved.

- 15. Community Planning:** Nominations given were Mary Marconi (incumbent), Lynda Kolski (incumbent), Larry Strange, Mark Taylor.

In addition to support for the long-range planning process for Arden's communal lands, Community Planning Committee wishes to refer these matters to Advisory Committee for appropriate action: 1) Petition supporting EPA developed by Arden Planning Committee:

"We, the undersigned members and visitors of the Arden communities, are opposed to any weakening of EPA programs and fundamental environmental laws. We do NOT want to turn back the clock on 25 years of environmental progress."

2) Prompted by recent exterior changes to two historic buildings in Arden, Mark Taylor from Archives addressed the committee about the need for a dialogue on architectural preservation. While an architectural review board is probably not feasible, Archives feels that some way should be found of educating residents as to the historic importance of their homes. Perhaps this is something that could be down through Welcome Hither Committee. Mark will continue to talk to people and gather ideas 3) There have been 3 burials at the Memorial Garden since the last town meeting, and two scheduled for the near future. A stone has been installed to provide seating for restful contemplation in the Memorial Gardens.

Handout: See page 9 *Arden's Communal Land*.

Chairperson, Beverly Barnett gave an visual presentation of their proposal to the town for a long range plan for the communal land. The committee stated that it wants to present an application to the Delaware Department of Agriculture-Urban Forestry for a \$5000 Ecosystem-based Management Grant in September. The grant will probably be used to hire a consultant. Between January and June, the committee will decide how best to use the grant and define the direction the town should go for future projects. Intensive workshops, community input, and speakers between now and June will be part of the process of information gathering and dissemination. The committee made the following motion:

Motion: Move that Town Assembly commit to participate in a Long-Range Planning Process.

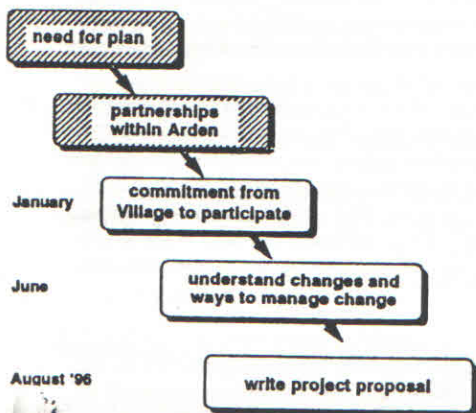
Motion approved.

Discussion and questions: Residents commented that this process will involve work and time. A plan is important and could have changed the outcome of the Indian Field land purchase in the 1930s and the loss of the Arden Pool in the 1960s. Good information and confirmed data is necessary to address concerns Arden might have. Stream Watch is now involved on Naamans Creek and Perkins Run. The committee is showing good leadership and we should help them so that they do not "burnout". Are Ardentown and Ardencroft involved?

Submitted by Beverly Barnett, Chairperson

Report approved.

Arden's Communal Land

Arden's Communal Land
a long-range plan

1

Need for long range plan

greens, forests, paths, small parks, streets, Memorial Garden (3 parts)

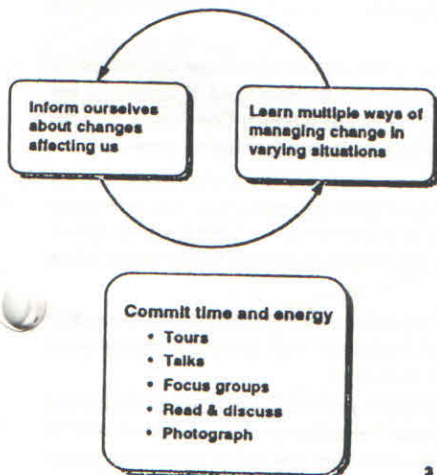
• Internal

- Planning: physical and cultural future
- Civic: protect and improve 45% public land
- Archives: protect historic designation as early example Garden City Design
- Advisory: coordinate efforts
- Centennial: celebrate first 100 years

• External

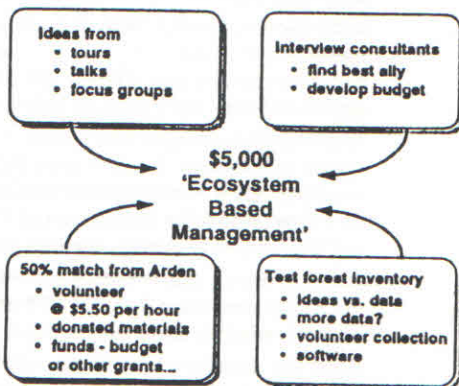
- neighbors: Arden Town, Ardencroft, Hanby Trust, 9 developments - new & old, upstream & down
- county: permit and zoning process
- state: plan for high density development
- federal: regulation and funding
- utilities: gas, electric, phone, cable, *sewer*

2

Commitment from Arden residents
to participate in planning process

3

Write Project Proposal



4

16. **Legislative Reference Committee:** Nominations given were Yvonne King (incumbent), Steve Tanzer, John Stevenson, Mary McKean.

Handbook: Final changes, additions and corrections are about completed and we anticipate printing and distribution after the new committee chairs are elected.

Submitted by Hugh Roberts, Chairperson

Discussion: The committee reported that they will be ready to distribute the handbook in June so that it will incorporate the current information from the March election.

Report approved.

17. **Playground Committee:** Nominations given were Judy Butler (incumbent) and Rich Bloom (incumbent), Greg Walker, Evelyn Knotts.

Two committee members, Judy Butler and Rich Bloom, have expiring terms of office this year. Both have agreed to run for office again this year. Two additional residents, Greg Walker and Evelyn Knotts, have agreed to have their names on the ballot for the election. New equipment purchases were included in the June Town Meeting report. The new swings and the teflon coated chains have worked well and will be evaluated over the next two years. Our next safety inspection will be on March 16.

For the committee, Richard L. Bloom, Chairperson

Report approved.

18. **Registration Committee:** Nominations given were Bev Barnett (incumbent), Larry Strange (incumbent), Joe Lester, Cecilia Vore, Carol Page.

The current count of registered voters is: 392. March Election Slate: We have five of the 6 required candidates.

Respectfully submitted for Elizabeth Varley Walker, Chairperson by Sally Hamburger

Report approved.

19. **Safety Committee:** Nominations given were Eliot Levin (incumbent), Beth Stevenson, Ron Ozer, Edward Kelly.

The winter freeze and large snowfall required that we postpone finishing the mailbox numbering until warmer weather. Also digging for signpost repair is hampered but Stop and directional signs will be done when needed.

In the event of snowfall, large or small, **do not** leave your car on the street right-of-way. It makes street clearing very difficult and your vehicle can be damaged. If there is a fire hydrant on or near your property, please shovel it out or call a Safety Committee member and we will clear them. Also will help if drain grates are cleared for melting snow.

Town Watch needs your participation. Please volunteer a few hours a year and make the rounds with a friend. The time goes fast and it helps lower the crime rate. Just your presence on patrol is a deterrent to a would-be crime or act of vandalism. When you volunteer, do it. Don't drop out at the last minute. It may be your house sometime. Winter slows crime but be prepared for spring, summer and fall.

We have done a sign inventory and will be getting some new signs to replace those that are missing and clean the paint off those that are "scrofted." Post will eventually be wood as that is what we put in when a metal one gets damaged.

If you see something or someone out of the ordinary or potentially dangerous, please call 573-2800 first. Then let the Safety Committee know. The police can advise you on what to do and it will go on record in their files. If a pattern develops, the police have more power to act than respond to a first call on the fourth occurrence.

Submitted by Peter Renzetti, Chairperson

Discussion: A resident reported that there has been BB gun damage at the BWVC and the Gild Hall. Report use to the police. Ordinance #7 prohibits discharging a firearm in Arden.

Report approved.

20. **Welcome Hither:** Since the beginning of this committee, 109 residents have been welcomed and 102 packets have been delivered and well received. Seven packets are about to be processed for delivery. Call the town secretary, Connee McKinney if someone needs to be contacted.

We are hoping to have a Spring Party. We would like to express our gratitude to Aaron Hamburger for all of his support and effort he has extended on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Stearns, Chairperson

Discussion: Current procedure is to meet with the resident and inform him or her about various relevant activities, such as Arden Club and Swim Gild. Packet contains a free dinner at the Club and a coupon for a free swim at the Arden Pool. We informally introduce new residents at the dinner if they attend. Parking rules are also given to them.

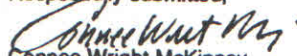
Report approved.

21. **CCOBH (Civic Committees of Brandywine Hundred):** Marianne Cinaglia reported that there will be a meeting about the Brandywine Towne Centre on February 29, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at Brandywine High School. The Rollins Building project is now in the State Supreme Court for clarification.

22. **Good and Welfare:** The town chairperson commented on the good turnout. Henry George instructor, Rodney Jester, informed us of the Henry George class in Fundamental Economics is in session on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery Room of the Gild Hall. All are welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Connee Wright McKinney
Secretary, Village of Arden

**Village of Arden
2300 Cherry Lane
Arden, DE 19810-4002**

Dated material enclosed

- Notice of Town Meeting**
- Minutes from preceding Town Meeting**

ALL ARE WELCOME